

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT



*Summer Camp*



*Hobo Railroad*



*Youth Soccer*

The staff at Jaffrey Parks and Recreation Department consistently worked diligently to provide quality programs. We continuously pivoted and adapted (sometimes at the last minute) to offer programs safely during the Covid-19 pandemic. We were able to bring back some of our events for 2021 such as our Easter Bunny Express Home Visits, The Spring, Fall, Holiday Craft Fairs and Annual Tree Lighting and we are looking forward to bringing more events back in 2022, pending Covid-19 limitations. The parks, beaches, and playgrounds remained open throughout the year to provide public access to the health and wellness benefits of the Town's recreational properties. Contoocook Beach was not staffed with lifeguards this year. We hope to be fully staffed for 2022. We maintained and will continue to maintain the Chapter 155 - Article IV of Jaffrey Town Code which makes parking at the town's public beaches (Contoocook Beach and Shattuck Park) for residents only.



*Tree Lighting*



*Ogunquit Beach Trip*

In 2021 we were still dealing with Covid-19. Programs and events had to be modified, however; many people were excited to be back in some capacity. We were able to bring back Moonlight Hike, Afterschool 3v3 Soccer, Winter Explorer's Overnight, Skyhawks Flag Football Camp, Skyhawks Softball Camp, Camp Rec, Youth Soccer, Karate, Toddler Dance Creative Movement, Safe Sitter, and Adult Basketball. One of our favorite moments this year was the last day of Youth Soccer. We had a children & coaches vs. parents game. Let me tell you the parents were not holding back. They were going for

the win. The parents needed this just as much as the children. Seeing everyone having fun moving and engaging again was one of the true highlights for us this year.

In 2021 we were able to get back together for Senior Coffee, Create & Connect, Zumba, Zumba Gold, and going on trips again. This year we visited The Marina Brattleboro, VT, Old Mill Westminster, MA, Ogunquit, Maine Day Trip, Encore Casino Everett, MA, Hobo Railroad Lincoln, NH, Joey's Diner Amherst, NH, and Gift of Lights Loudon, NH. Our Covid-19 guidelines had changed throughout the year and we are sure it will continue into 2022. Covid-19 has been a social disaster for everyone but especially our Seniors. We are so happy to see them back having fun and enjoying each other's company and creating new memories.

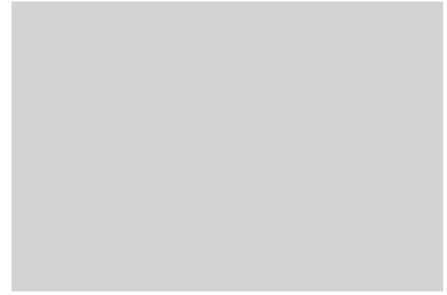


*Holiday Craft Fair*

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### MEET THE STAFF

In April of 2021 Renee Sangermano resigned as Director. Renee had been the Recreation Director for the Town for six years. In September of 2021 Sarah Hooper resigned. Sarah had been the Program Manager for the Town for four years. Renee & Sarah added many upgrades and new programs and events for the department along with Playground Phase One, recreation software, facility upgrades, and so much more. Their passion for recreation, the community and the Town will not be forgotten.



John Kohlmorgen is the Recreation Director for the Town. John started in June of 2021. John grew up in Jaffrey-Rindge, graduated from Conant High School and then graduated from Franklin Pierce University with a degree in Sports & Recreation Management. John has worked in Municipal Recreation for the last seven years. He worked in Rindge, Concord MA, Milford, & Peterborough. He is happy to be back home and looking to grow with the community he grew up in.

Samantha Bontempo is the new Program Coordinator for the Town. Samantha started in late October of 2021. Samantha grew up in Shirley, MA and graduated from Fitchburg State University with a degree in Human Services. Samantha brings with her a lot of energy, a positive attitude and excellent customer service skills. Her experience working with sports as a coach and player at the college level (lacrosse) along with her recruiting, scheduling and event planning skills, will serve her well in her new role. Samantha enjoys working with the young and old alike and looks forward to meeting everyone in the greater Jaffrey community.

Caren Lewis is the Administrative Assistant and Adult Program Coordinator for the Department. Caren has been with the Recreation Department for 18 years! Caren's connection to our participants is outstanding. She has endless energy and passion for our Adult and Senior programs. Caren coordinates and runs adult trips, Zumba programs and assists with recreation events. Caren also handles the departments administrative duties and so much more.

David Greenough is our Recreation Maintenance Janitorial Staff Member. David does a lot of the behind the scenes cleaning and program set up late at night when no one is around to make sure we are set up. David has done a great job and had to adapt to Covid-19 as well.

The Recreation Staff always welcomes new ideas for programs and activities for all age groups. Please feel free to contact us with your comments, thoughts and ideas.

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## THANK YOU



The Playground Fund has reached approximately \$11,000 in donations of the \$40,000 needed for the installation of Phase 2 of the Humiston Park Playground Project. We thank all the businesses, organizations, and residents who donated to the playground fund this year. Every dollar gets us closer to our goal. Together, we can build it!

We have a great team, however that doesn't just consist of Recreation Staff. We have help and partnerships from all over our town and community. The Department of Public Works, Water Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Library, Team Jaffrey, Park Theatre, VFW, American Legion, Subway, Santa, Conant High School Honor Society, Conant High School Interact Club, Chorus from JGS, JRMS, Conant, SAU 47 Management, facility and custodial staff, coaches, volunteers, and so many others. The community involvement with our department needs to be recognized for their contributions and efforts. None of this would be possible without our partners and their support. Thank you all for supporting Jaffrey Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Kohlmorgen, Recreation Director CPRP  
Samantha Bontempo, Program Coordinator  
Caren Lewis, Administrative Assistant & Adult Program Coordinator



*Encore Casino Trip*



*RiverFest*



*Senior Coffee*



*Skyhawks Flag Football*



*Zumba Gold*



*Youth Soccer*